



BISON PRIDE

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~ COMMANDER'S CORNER



I would like to extend to each of you -- Bison's outstanding Cadets, cadre, alumni, faculty, and friends -- and your families, my warmest wishes for a joyous and prosperous New Year. I am very proud of you, and deeply appreciative of your unwavering support, commitment, motivation and dedication. As I look back on the year that has passed, I feel a tremendous sense of pride and optimism. Although we face considerable, yet not insurmountable challenges, we are making progress on so many fronts - cultivating a sense of pride in unit and self, recruiting quality Cadets, retention, training, developing confident and competent leaders to name a few. Every step of progress made, reflects the programs growing optimism about our future. As we move forward together, we remain committed to developing and commissioning quality leaders that are properly trained and prepared to accomplish the missions they will be assigned in an ambiguous and increasingly complex world. Moreover, we are committed to developing adaptive leaders that are able to adjust to the many challenges they will face in the very near future. Again, the very best to you and your families, and my heartfelt wishes for the New Year!



Welcome back Bison Battalion! Hopefully everyone was able to enjoy the holiday season with their family and friends and has come back prepared for the new semester. This semester we are picking up the pace with PT and training and we expect everyone to be able to keep up. That means that we cannot afford to wait to jump right into things. MS III's, this semester is especially important for you. Prepare yourselves for a semester of diligence and camp endeavors will be successful, but you must be proactive. Take the initiative and make sure that you are ready! For everyone else, take this semester as an opportunity to stay above the power curve in military knowledge and improve your academics. Both of these things are important for your future!

Upcoming events :

- Bison Fund raiser
- APFT 1

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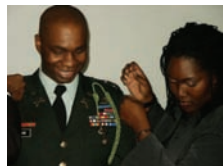
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~ BISON HEADLINERS

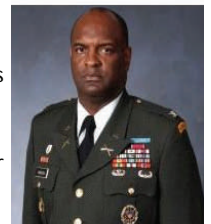
- ◆ Congratulations to the Army's newest Lieutenant. Ebony M. Stubbs commissioned on December 15, 2006. She is branched Medical Service Corps in the US Army Reserve.



- ◆ Congratulations to all the Bison Cadets who were recognize at the Fall 2006 Awards ceremony. Notable mentions are, CDTs Chavis, Jefferson, Young and McKee for the Deans List Award, CDT MS II Johnson, the recipient of the Platinum Medal Athlete Award with a APFT score of 300, CDT MS I Gibbs and Jenkins for the Commander's Most Improved Award



- ◆ Congratulations to Brigadier General Michael T. Harrison on his promotion on 21 DEC 06. BG Harrison is a 1980 Howard Alumnus.
- ◆ Congratulations to MAJ Eric Graham, Bison BN Recruiting Officer on his promotion.



- ◆ Congratulations to MS3 CDT Hunt, MS1 CDTs Morgan and Young on contracting last month

.....Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership..

~Colin Powell~

~ ANNUAL SPRING BALL-March 3, 2007

Mark it on your Calendar! Saturday, March 3 2007. Bison Cadet Staff are working hard on planning the Annual Spring Ball. This year we will have it at the Renaissance, Washington, DC Hotel. Invites will be sent out by the end of this month. It's a guarantee to be the best yet and the most memorable. We are looking forward to sharing this special event with you. We will be conducting a fund raiser and looking for sponsorship to offset the costs associated with the event. Sponsorship donations can be made payable to Howard University Army ROTC. Our mailing address is Howard University Army ROTC, MSC 590520, 2400 6th ST. NW, Washington, DC 20059. For more information on this event email zgraves@howard.edu.



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~06 FALL SEMESTER AWARDS- ending the semester with a bang!

This semester has been one of change, transition, and achievements. The Fall Awards Ceremony recognizes accomplishments in academic and Cadet life in the Bison BN. Our special guests included COL Frank Ippolito, 3rd Brigade Commander; SGM Floyd Edwards, 3rd Brigade Sergeant Major; the ever-supportive MG (Ret) Robert Gaskill; Dean of the COAS, DEAN Donaldson; and Associate DEAN, Dr. Jarmon. A host of guests from The Rocks mentoring organization, Air Force ROTC, and Howard University faculty and staff attended the event. Our speaker was MAJ Grant Fawcett, a long time associate of MSG Graves who was once his platoon leader many moons ago. The awards given out recognized high GPAs, excellence and improvements in physical fitness, and outstanding leadership. Capping off the ceremony was MAJ Graham's promotion from the rank of Captain to Major. Joined by his wife, children, and brother, MAJ Graham accepted his promotion from COL Ippolito and his family pinned his rank on. The ceremony was a good experience for Cadets who had never participated in an event like this.

~ COMMISSIONING CEREMONY- a very special occasion

Some of you may not know 2LT Ebony Stubbs, but she has recently become part of the great legacy of Bison BN Army officers. On December 15, 2006 at the Arlington National Cemetery Women's War Memorial, Ebony Stubbs took her oath and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, in a quiet ceremony attended by family, friends, and Bison BN Cadets and Cadre. The guest speaker was MG Elder Granger, Deputy Director and Program Executive for TRICARE. Amongst the distinguished guest were MG (RET) Robert Gaskill, DEAN James Donaldson and Associate Dean, Dr. Charles Jarmon. The ceremony featured a touching audio video presentation depicting Ebony's life from a baby to the present, her first salute by her father SFC Stubbs who is stationed in Korea, and thankful remarks from the newly commissioned officer. The oldest of two daughters, 2LT Stubbs was raised in an Army family and moved from her hometown of Cleveland, Ohio to Radcliff, Kentucky. Intelligent, athletic, and full of personality, Ebony started her college career at the U of L in KY, as a Cadet and transferred to Howard University in her sophomore year where and became a part of the Bison BN family. She graduated in the summer semester of 2006 with a Bachelors degree in Biology. She has been branched Medical Service Corps in Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty and plans to pursue a Master's degree in Public Health, building into a career as a pediatrician. Again Congratulations LT!

~ BISON IN ACTION



CDT JENKINS ACCEPTS THE MOST IMPROVED AWARD



MG (RET) GASKILL, DEAN OF COAS, DEAN DONALDSON AND DR JARMON WERE AMONG THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS



CDT BROWN ACCEPTS THE CADET SCHOLAR AWARD



A PROUD FATHER PREPARES TO RENDER THE FIRST SALUTE



MATT ABBOTT, HOWARD'S I.T. SUPPORT ACCEPTS AN AWARD

*.....it is possible to fail in many ways...while to succeed is possible only in one way.....
- Aristotle*

~ ALUMNI CORNER- Excellence and Selfless Service: Hallmarks of Bison Pride

Why do I continue to serve as alumnus advisor to the HU ROTC Bison Battalion? Here are three main reasons:

1. I know from personal experience the bonus benefit of leadership training and mentorship provided by the military cadre.
2. I know also that the professional military training experience is a valuable complement to the university's outstanding non-military educational experience. The output from the ROTC program-Army and Air Force-is part of HU's long and proud tradition of providing outstanding visionary leaders for our national security team.
3. It is a source of personal pride for me to be associated with you, the Cadets and cadre, and observe and support your ethos of professional competence, confidence, and selfless service. As ROTC Cadets, you can be sure that this phase of your educational development will strengthen your qualifications for success in a military career or in virtually an other career of professional service

As we begin this New Year, 2007, let us renew our commitment to excellence and selfless service. Remember, you can make a constructive difference right where you are now-and wherever else you may go. So go with God as your Senior Partner.

ROBERT C. GASKILL
Major General, USA Retired



TOP: 2LT STUBBS SOCIALIZES WITH GUESTS
BOTTOM: GUEST SPEAKER MG GRANGER CHATS WITH MG (RET) GASKILL

